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SUBJECT: NPT AND VERIFICATION AGREEMENT: THE GERMAN
VIEW OF THE ITALIAN PROBLEM

REFS: (A) ROME 9906, (B) IAEA VIENNA 6462

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FRG HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS RECENTLY
WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS TO EXPRESS GERMAN INTEREST IN
GOI RATIFICATION OF THE NPT AND THE EURATOM - IAEA
VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. THE GERMANS BELIEVE A POLITICAL
DECISION MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR TO
PLACE THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT INTO FORCE. THE FRG
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PLANS TO CONTACT THE SEVEN OTHER EC GOVERNMENTS SOON

ABOUT A MEETING IN SEPTEMBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECIDING
HOW TO PROCEED ON THIS MATTER. END SUMMARY

1. EMBOFF MET WITH FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH AND
GENERAL AND STRATEGIC DISARMAMENT DEPT CHIEF ANDREAE
JULY 23 TO DISCUSS NPT AND OTHER DISARMAMENT MATTERS
(MBFR DISCUSSION REPORTED SEPTELS). AMBASSADOR ROTH
REPORTED THAT THE FRG HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS DURING
THE PAST MONTH WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS ABOUT THE NPT/
VERIFICATION AGREEMENT RATIFICATION PROBLEM. FIRST, THE
SUBJECT WAS RAISED BY DUCCI WHEN HE SPOKE TO FONOFF
POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL ABOUT A MONTH AGO. APPROXI-
MATELY TWO WEEKS AGO ROTH AND ANDREAE WENT TO ROME TO
HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE MATTER.

2. DURING THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN ROME, ROTH AND ANDREAE
INDICATED TO THE GOI THAT THE FRG WOULD WELCOME THE
RATIFICATION OF THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT BY THE
ITALIAN PARLIAMENT. THE OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE RATIFICATION OF BOTH THE NPT AND THE
VERIFICATION AGREEMENT TO THE FRG. THEY STRESSED THE
FRG INTEREST IN HAVING THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT COME
INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE FRG WANTS
TO DEPOSIT ITS INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION BY THE END
OF 1974 SO THAT IT CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE MAY 1975
NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE.

3. THE GERMANS ARE ENCOURAGED BY WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS
A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN THE GOI ATTITUDE TOWARDS RATIFI-
CATION OF BOTH DOCUMENTS. WHEREAS DUCCI WAS NOT
FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARD RATIFICATION WHEN HE SPOKE TO
VAN WELL, HE SEEMED TO SHOW A MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE
DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH ROTH AND ANDREAE TWO WEEKS
AGO. THE GERMANS CAME AWAY WITH AN IMPRESSION OF
ITALIAN UNEASINESS OVER THEIR S ISOLATED POSITION. THE
GERMANS BELIEVE THAT THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT, HAVING
BEEN PASSED BY THE ITALIAN SENATE ON JULY 10, FACES
LESS FORMIDABLE OPPOSITION IN THE LOWER HOUSE. ROTH IS

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HOPEFUL IT WILL BE PASSED BY THE LOWER HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER. ROTH SAID THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN ROME HAD REPORTED THERE IS STILL A POSSIBILITY THE GOI WILL RATIFY THE NPT BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THE GERMANS DO NOT NOW PLAN TO MAKE ANY HIGH LEVEL DEMARCHES ON THIS ISSUE.

4. THE GERMANS ARE STRUGGLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF FINDING A WAY TO PERMIT THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT TO COME INTO EFFECT WITHOUT THE GOI HAVING RATIFIED THE NPT NOTWITHSTANDING THE CONCLUSION IN REF B THAT IT CANNOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTILL ALL EC-MEMBERS
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SIGNATORY TO THE AGREEMENT RATIFY THE NPT. ROTH POINTED OUT THE IRONY OF THE GERMANS SEARCHING FOR SUCH A

POSITION IN VIEW OF THE FRG'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF JOINT RATIFICATION OF THE NPT AND VERIFICATION AGREEMENT, SINCE THIS WAS THE BASIS UPON WHICH THE BUNDESTAG AND BUNDESRAT WERE URGED TO APPROVE BOTH AGREEMENTS.

5. THE FRG BELIEVES THAT, IF NECESSARY, A POLITICAL DECISION BY THE SEVEN EC NATIONS SIGNATORY TO THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT MUST BE TAKEN TO BRING IT INTO FORCE, WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT ITALY WILL EVENTUALLY ACCEDE TO THE NPT. IN ORDER TO REACH SUCH A POLITICAL DECISION, THE FRG PLANS TO CONTACT THE SEVEN OTHER SIGNATORIES SOON TO PROPOSE A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. THE GERMANS BELIEVE THE MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, ASSUMING THE GOI COMPLETES RATIFICATION OF THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT BY THAT TIME. THE SITE OF SUCH A MEETING IS PRESENTLY UNKNOWN. WITH FRANCE IN THE CHAIR OF THE EC PRESIDENCY, IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO SUGGEST PARIS, BUT THAT OBVIOUSLY IS EXCLUDED SINCE THE FRENCH ARE NOT A PARTY TO THE NPT.
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